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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No: 99,395-A)

In re the Application of:

Lawn, et al.

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For: Compositions and Methods for
Increasing Cholesterol Efflux and
Raising HDL Using ATP Binding
Cassette Transporter Protein ABC1

Examiner: Rao, Manjunath N.

Group Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No: 9969

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED DECEMBER 31, 2003

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 31, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner please enter the amendments and consider the remarks submitted herewith. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three month extension of time and the corresponding fee. In addition, Applicants submit a Notice of Appeal. It is believed that no further fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

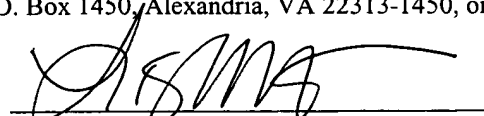
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 9 of this paper.

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